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2015 November Post Election Survey

General Information

1. Locality name:

2. Your name:

3. Your title:

4. Your phone number:



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Voting Equipment

5. Does your locality primarily use in precinct DRE (touch-screen) or Optical Scan voting equipment?

- ☐ DRE
- ☐ Optical Scan



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DRE

6. How many DRE's were used on Election Day in the November 2015 election?

7. How many replacement DRE's were available for use if machines malfunctioned?

8. Did any DRE's malfunction in the November 2015 election?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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DRE Malfunctions

9. How many machines malfunctioned in November 2015?

10. Did you use emergency paper ballots as result of these failures?

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. How many failures were a result of a screen “freeze” (DRE became unresponsive)?

12. How many failures were a result of an unexpected shutdown of the DRE?

13. How many failures resulted in “vote flipping” where the machine appeared to register a different selection than the voter intended?

14. How many other types of DRE failures were experienced?

15. If any other failures please describe

16. Were you able to recover votes from the machines that malfunctioned?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If No Please Explain



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Optical Scan

17. How many optical scan voting machines were used on Election Day in the November 2015 election?

18. How many replacement optical scan machines did you have available for use if machines malfunctioned?

19. How many total scannable ballots did your office order or print for the November 2015 election?

20. How many scannable ballots did you use in the November 2015 election

21. How many precincts ran out of ballots for any ballot style on election day?

22. If any, please detail your response to these ballot shortages and reasons for the shortages

23. Did any optical scan machines malfunction in the November 2015 election?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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Optical Scan Malfunctions

24. How many machines malfunctioned while scanning a ballot?

25. How many machines experienced other types of malfunctions?

26. If any, please describe the malfunction

27. Were you able to recover votes from the machines that malfunctioned?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If No, Please Explain



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Accessible Voting Equipment

28. How many accessible voting machines were used on Election Day in the November 2015 election?

29. How many replacement accessible voting machines were available for use if the voting systems malfunctions?

30. Did you experience any malfunctions of accessible voting machines in the November 2015 election?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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Accessible Malfunction

31. How many accessible machines malfunctioned in November 2015?

32. Did you use emergency paper ballots as result of these failures?

☐ Yes

☐ No

33. Please describe the nature of the malfunction(s) that were experienced and how they were resolved.

34. Were you able to recover votes from the machines that malfunctioned?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If No, please explain



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System Testing and Maintenance

35. Was Logic and Accuracy (L&A) testing performed on all voting equipment (in precinct DRE or Optical Scan and accessible voting systems) deployed in the November 2015 election?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If No, Please explain



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L&A

36. How many ballots (for optical scan) or ballot styles (for DRE) were tested during the L&A process?

37. Who conducted the L&A tests?

38. Approximately how long did it take to complete L&A and how many individuals were involved in the testing?



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Maintenance

39. Please describe your pre-election and post-election voting system maintenance plan, if the maintenance is performed by a vendor; please provide the vendor's name.

40. When do you anticipate having to replace your current voting equipment?

41. What funding plan is in place with your locality for system replacement?

42. Please provide any additional information about your voting systems that would be helpful to the election community in the Commonwealth.



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Electronic Pollbook Systems (EPBs)

43. Did your Locality use EPBs in the November 2015 election?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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EPB Details

44. Which make and model of EPB did you use?

45. How many EPBs were deployed in the November 2015 election?

46. How many EPBs did you have available in case of an EPB malfunction?

47. Did you use scanners connected to the EPBs to scan DMV or other IDs?

☐ Yes

☐ No

48. Were you able to successfully download and upload data from the EPB system to and from VERIS?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please explain

49. Did you experience any technical issues with EPBs?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please describe



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Absentee Voting - Ballot Mailing and Handling

50. How did you determine the number of ballots to order for absentee mailing?

51. Did you order a sufficient number of ballots to meet the demand?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please explain

52. Please explain your process that you use to organize ballot styles and absentee mailing to ensure that the correct ballot styles are mailed to voters?

53. Did any voter report receiving the wrong ballot style?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain



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Paper Absentee Applications

54. How many paper absentee applications were received in the November 2015 election (in person and by mail)?

55. What issues arose from paper absentee applications?

56. In how many cases did your office suspect that the paper applications may be fraudulent or otherwise inappropriately submitted?

57. If any, please explain

58. How many of these suspect paper applications were referred to a Commonwealth's Attorney for investigation?

59. If any, please explain



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Electronic Absentee Applications

60. What issues arose from the receipt of electronic absentee applications?

61. How many absentee applications were received in the November 2015 election via the ELECT online absentee portal?

62. How many absentee applications were received electronically from sources other than the ELECT online absentee portal in the November 2015 election?

63. In how many cases did your office suspect that the applications submitted electronically may be fraudulent or otherwise inappropriately submitted?

64. If any, please explain

65. How many of these suspect applications submitted electronically were referred to a Commonwealth's Attorney for investigation?

66. If any, please explain

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Compliance During the November 2015 General Election

67. Please provide details of any known violations of U.S. Federal law. These could include violations of the U.S. Constitutional, violations of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), or the Voting Rights Act.

68. Please provide details of any known violations of the Code of Virginia, State Board of Elections Regulations, or State Board and Department of Elections guidance documents.

69. Please provide details of any difficulties the Electoral Board had fulfilling its duties (for example, did it have difficulty fulfilling any of its statutory responsibilities in §§24.2-106 through 24.2-109.1, such as appointing enough election officers) for the November 2015 election?

70. Please provide details of any difficulties the General Registrar had in fulfilling his/her duties for the November 2015 election? (for example, did s/he have any difficulty fulfilling any of his/her statutory responsibilities in §§24.2-110 through 24.2-114)

71. Please provide details of any difficulties officers of elections had fulfilling their duties for the November 2015 election (for example, did any have difficulty fulfilling any of its statutory responsibilities in §§24.2-115 through 24.2-118.1)

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Election Day Compliance

72. Were all election officers staff aware of the voting hours on Election Day?

☐ Yes

☐ No

73. Were there a minimum of three (3) election officers per polling place?

☐ Yes

☐ No

74. Were all election officers and staff familiar with the authority and rights of authorized representatives within the polling place?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please explain

75. Did any elections election officers or staff have any problems enforcing Virginia's electioneering laws?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain

76. Did election officers or staff have any problems enforcing Virginia's photo ID requirement?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain

77. Did any election officers or staff have any problems enforcing the voting process as outlined in §24.2-643?

☐ Yes

☐ No

78. Did any election officers experience challenges helping voters with problems on election day? (For example, a voter who has moved and not updated his/her address, or a voter who is not registered)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain

79. Was everyone in line at 7 pm permitted to vote?

☐ Yes

☐ No

80. Were there any difficulties complying with the statutory provisions for closing the polls? (For example, did the election officers have any trouble locking and sealing the voting equipment, completing the statement of results, etc.?)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain

81. Were there any problems with the Canvass? For example, were there issues reviewing the precinct level totals, evaluating the provisional ballots,, or preparing the official paperwork, such as Abstract of Votes and Certificates of Election)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain



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General Comments

82. What else should the Board and the Department of Elections be aware of that occurred in relation to the November 2015 election?